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Miss Alice L. Halligan
Executive Secretary
Springfield Adult Education Council
32 Spring Street
Springfield 5, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Halligan:

Thank you very much for your letter of 14 December inviting me to give a lecture before the Springfield Adult Education Council on either 10 January or 16 March.

I sincerely regret that I will be unable to accept your kind invitation, even though you were good enough to give me the choice of a date. In view of my present official position, it is necessary for me to restrict my speaking engagements to the various government service schools with an infrequent outside address. Unfortunately, I cannot make an additional commitment at this time.

Your courtesy in asking me to join you is indeed appreciated.

With kindest regards.

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Sincerely,

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December 14, 1959

Mr. Allen Dulles
2490 "E" Street
Washington, 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Dulles:

Alexander Phillips, a local philanthropist, has provided in his will for a series of lectures by outstanding authorities on governmental affairs. This series is known as the Phillips Lectures. The Phillips Lecture Committee, in charge of administering the bequest, has selected the Springfield Adult Education Council to plan for such lectures.

The Springfield Adult Education Council was the second group in this country, the Council in Des Moines being the first, to sponsor free public forums. Our audiences represent a true cross section of the community and average about one thousand persons.

We are hoping that we may persuade you give this lecture this year. This could be on either January 10 or March 16, 1960. The Phillips Lecture Committee has authorized us to offer an honorarium of \$1500., and the lecture is published each year.

May we hope for a speedy and an affirmative answer? We have so many arrangements before we go to press with the program that time is of the essence.

Sincerely yours,

Alice L. Halligan
Executive Secretary

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